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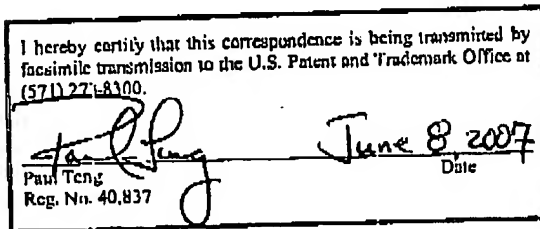
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
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This Communication is submitted in response to the May 14, 2007 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which indicates that examination of the above-identified patent application will be restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct species:

Species I	Figs. 2 and 9; and
Species II	Figs. 13 and 20.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species I (Figs. 2 and 9). Claims readable on Species I are claims 1-11, 28 and 31.

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that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our
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If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is
respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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